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Dear Senator Tsongas:

Thank you for your letter of March 12 on behalf of your constituent                      concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, and in particular the cases of Daniel Bendersky and Isaac Rudnik Ortiz.

Concerning Mr. Bendersky, he is among the many who have disappeared in Argentina and about whose welfare and whereabouts we have been unable to obtain any information.

We are very familiar with Mr. Ortiz's case and have raised it on a number of occasions with Argentine authorities. Unfortunately, his applications to exercise the right of option to leave the country have been denied and he remains in detention.

In general, the human rights situation has improved greatly in Argentina. Disappearances have virtually ceased. There have been no new detentions under the authority of the national executive power (PEN) in over a year. Cases of persons still under PEN detention are being systematically reviewed and prisoners released outright or under a form of parole.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable  
Paul Tsongas,  
United States Senate.

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